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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Ex Parte Quayle

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the page numbering of the specification should be preserved throughout the specification. The specification currently indicating page 4 and page 4a. Examiner suggests page 4a should be changed to page 5 and so on.

Applicant is requested to submit a substitute specification including correctly indicated page numbering. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: in lines 10-11, currently recited "information with with a predetermined". Appropriate correction is required.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the steps of initiating a PSTN telephone call with associated caller ID information to the called device, after the called device is determined

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not already connected to the Internet, and connecting the called device to the Internet in response to the associated caller ID information, as specified in independent claim 1.

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the steps of initiating a PSTN telephone call with a distinctive ringing pattern to the called device, after the called device is determined not already connected to the IP network, and connecting the called device to the IP network in response to the distinctive ringing pattern, as specified in independent claim 3.

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the steps of connecting the device to the IP network, after the device is determined not already connected to the IP network, in response to receiving a PSTN telephone call comprising at least one of a distinctive ringing pattern and a caller ID information through a PSTN line; comparing the received caller ID information with a predetermined caller ID information; and connecting through the IP network to establish the IP voice call in response to at least one of the distinctive ringing pattern and if the received caller ID information matches predetermined caller ID information, as specified in independent claim 5.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hon (US Patent No. 6,763,020 B1) discloses call establishment method for dial-up Internet telephony appliances.

Jones et al (US Patent No. 6,404,764 B1) discloses voice over Internet protocol telephone system and method.

Regnier (US Patent No. 6,345,047 B1) discloses computer telephony adapter and method.


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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H Ly whose telephone number is 703-306-5675. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 703-305-4378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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